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*This brochure is intended only as a  
guide to aid understanding of the  
Campaign Finance Disclosure Law.*

*For the Law's complete require-  
ments, consult the law itself codi-  
fied at Chapter 130 of the  
Revised Statutes of Missouri.*

# Treasurer's Guide for Campaign Finance

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# Treasurer's Guide for Campaign Finance Reporting (§130.021 RSMo.)

## Treasurer Requirements

Every committee must have a treasurer

- ✓ Must be a resident of Missouri
- ✓ Must be a resident in the district or county in which the committee sits (MEC Advisory Opinion 2008.10.CF.009)
- ✓ If candidate committee, must be appointed by the candidate

## Deputy Treasurer Requirements

A deputy treasurer may be appointed to serve in the event the treasurer is unable for any reason to perform his/her duties

- ✓ Must be a resident of Missouri
- ✓ Must be a resident in the district or county in which the committee sits (MEC Advisory Opinion 2008-10.CF.009)
- ✓ If candidate committee, must be appointed by the candidate

## Bank Account Requirements

Every committee must have one official bank account which is:

- ✓ Held in committee's name
- ✓ At a federal or state-chartered bank within Missouri
- ✓ A negotiable draft account
- ✓ Able to provide deposit records, cancelled checks and records of any other account activity

**A candidate can act as their own treasurer.**

**Only the treasurer, deputy treasurer, or candidate can have access to and serve as a signatory for the committee's official bank account.**

## Treasurer Duties

(Can also be done by the deputy treasurer and/or candidate)

1. Open the committee's official bank account in the committee's name *only*
2. Establish signatories for the committee's official bank account (*can only be treasurer, deputy treasurer and/or candidate*)
3. Deposit money received into the committee's official bank account (*no other bank account*)
4. Withdraw money & write checks from the committee's official bank account
5. Reconcile committee's official bank account on a regular basis
6. Keep committee money without mixing (comingling) with other committees, candidates or individuals
7. Maintain committee records for the 3 year period required by law
8. Oversee any committee investments and/or savings accounts

## Account Numbers

*The Commission redacts bank account numbers before reports are available to the public*

**Committee money must be deposited into the committee's official bank account and money must be spent out of the committee's official bank account.**

## Reporting Responsibilities

1. File Statement of Committee Organization within 20 days of committee formation or before the date the first disclosure report is due
2. File all campaign finance disclosure reports, including supplemental forms required
3. If filing a paper disclosure report, sign the report (along with candidate, for candidate committees); if filing electronically, use log-in information
4. Terminate the Committee
  - a. If unsuccessful candidate—terminate the committee or convert to debt service committee
  - b. If successful candidate—update election information to continue to receive contributions; use committee funds for necessary and ordinary expenses in connection with duties of office; or terminate the committee
  - c. See Terminating a Committee brochure for more information

## Treasurer's Vacancy

- ✓ No expenditure can be made by a committee when the office of committee treasurer is vacant, except when the office of a candidate committee treasurer is vacant the candidate can be the treasurer until the candidate appoints a new treasurer

**View Guide to Record-Keeping on our website for information about record-keeping requirements.**